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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:


This is in response to the Election of Species Requirement mailed July 28, 2004.

Applicants, by their undersigned representative, hereby elect the invention of the species corresponding to Figs. 9(a) and 9(b). Claims 1-4 and 9-17 are believed to be readable on this species.

Having made the required election, a full examination on the merits of the elected invention is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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